GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

to answer given to USQ No. 4659 on 19.12.2000 and state:

(a) the reasons for making available three fonts in Hindi for wide use in public domain whereas only one font has been made available in other Indian languages alongwith the details in regard to all the three fonts in Hindi;

(b) whether the Government would recognize only one font of Hindi of the national level so that the people working in Hindi may get uniformity everywhere; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Ministry of Communication & Information Technology has done so in the initial stages. However, it is desirable to have more and more fonts in public domain to promote e-content creation in Indian Languages. Three fonts of Hindi are DV-TT Yogesh, DV-TT Ganesh and DV-TT Surekh.

(b) & (c): ISCII (Indian Script Code for Information Interchange) is the standard for internal storageThis ensures uniformity, whereas there may be a variety of fonts.